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62, Kennington Road. S.E. London

28th September 1869.

My dear Sir

I am sorry that with reference to the American subscriptions to the George Thompson Testimonial Fund I have not been able to communicate to you before the opinion of the English Trustees — Messrs. Leupton and Richardson of Leeds. (Mr. William Evans the Treasurer of the fund) now sends me the following extracts of a letter from Mr. Leupton:-

" I have seen Mr Richardson and
" we both agree it will be better
" at once for our American friends
" to remit us their collection for
" the Thompson Testimonial fund in
" 5/20 bonds and if sent direct
" to our Bankers Messrs Williams
" Deacon & Co. Birkin Lane London,
" we can deal with it afterwards
" as we think best, either keeping
" it in 5/20's or converting it
" into the securities." Mr Evans
adds the expression of his hope
that you will insure the bonds
before transmitting them.

I am sure you
I told you in my last letter

that we had sunk the sum
of a thousand pounds odd in
the purchase of an annuity, amounting
to about ninety pounds a year, on
the joint lives of Mr. and Mrs.
Thompson. but that the remainder
— including the American subscriptions
— would be simply invested in
the names of Trustees and the
dividends paid to Mr. Thompson.
This latter arrangement is made
with an eye to Mr. T's unmarried
daughter Edith and to his
grandson, the only child of his
son who died two or three years
ago. All this has been decided
after due consideration, and will, I

think, meets with your approval
We are now anxious to wind
up this matter without delay.

Thanking you in the name
of the Committee for all that you
have done, and (desiring to express
a pleasure with which I find
myself in correspondence with a
veteran in the cause of freedom.

I remain Very faithfully Yours
Rev S. May Jun.r F. W. Chesson

If I don't go on here from
Chester sometime to the point,
I shd. write to the Evans,
Mrs Lupton, or others.

"American friends"
a volunteer work on
my part - not
organized.
"bonds"
One bond
Small balance
Where my letter of bond of Aug.
" " of Sept.